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fine concept and a real
milestone of achievement.

It has one big lack; it does
not call for making "Blue" operational
material available to the producer
of the national Sitrep.

I think our going-in position
should include the point. We can
back off if it jeopardizes basic
agreement and we can approach
the issue later on a separate front.

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This is the draft of the memo on the nat'l sitrep cl prepared for today's 1500 mtg. Pls, if you have a chance, let me know if you wish to add or change before that mtg (which will be attended by same folks as yesterday, but no need for you to kick off again).

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OK -

But remember I want
Blue Force implications first

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

FROM: George Bush

SUBJECT: The Production of a National Situation Report by the Intelligence Community

1. The Intelligence Community is now prepared to produce for senior consumers a national intelligence situation report (sitrep) during crises. Under my auspices, the principal producing agencies (CIA, DIA, State/INR, and NSA) will, when international events and the needs of the NSC and its staff so demand, cooperate in the preparation of an all-source national intelligence sitrep which will reflect Community views and clarify any important Community disagreements over substance.

2. I will assume responsibility within the Community for deciding when and by whom a national sitrep should be produced. I would expect, normally, to designate one Community component to act as my executive agent and assume primary responsibility for producing the sitrep, and, more often than not, I would expect CIA to serve in that capacity. There will be times, however, when the nature of a particular crisis--the Mayaguez incident comes to mind--may prompt me to name some other agency, such as DIA.

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3. In any event, each of the major producing agencies will offer various forms of assistance to the task force assembled by the producer: the provision of analysts to be incorporated into the task force and/or officers serving with the task force in a liaison role; the submission of written contributions to the publication itself; and the extension of special support in the area of collection tasking and response. Moreover, each of these agencies will also give the producer a proxy which will permit the sitrep to be presented to its readers as a truly national product.

4. At the same time, we in the Community agree that producing components must continue to issue crisis intelligence (including "departmental" sitreps) in the manner appropriate to their functions. But we also agree that these components would be expected--in the absence of specific requests to the contrary--to withhold dissemination of sitrep-type intelligence publications to readers in the White House and the NSC Staff. The needs of these consumers for frequent, up-to-date reporting and analysis would, we believe, be wholly satisfied by the national product.

5. This is not to say, of course, that our new approach to the sitrep business will be devoid of problems and costs. There

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may be, for example, some difficult choices to make when circumstances demand some division of analytical labor. There is no slack in the Community's line of analysts, especially during crises; it thus will not be easy for the individuals and offices concerned to support the production of crisis intelligence by their own offices and by the Community enterprise as well. The problem is certainly not insurmountable, but in some instances we could find ourselves stretched rather thin.

6. Coordination of the national sitrep will also pose some problems. We will encourage reasonably extensive coordination--especially when interpretations differ and require clear expression--but we will have to meet pressing deadlines and will not be able to delay publication because of coordination difficulties.

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7. [REDACTED] is currently overseeing a Community effort to formulate more precise procedures for the production of the national sitrep, and he assures me that the producing components have approached this endeavor in a spirit of wholehearted cooperation and that his task will be completed in short order. And I assure you that, even in the absence of detailed guidelines, we are ready at a moment's notice to meet your request for national intelligence support during crises.

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George Bush